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Serial No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR	)	
AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT	)	
PROVISIONING FOR SONET	)	
NETWORKS	)	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

-- This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/661,203, entitled "Methods and Apparatuses for Providing Multiple Services from Any Slot in a SONET Systems Having Multiple Slots" and filed on September 14, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,778, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Partitioning SONET Frames into Logical Channels to Optimize Bandwidth Utilization" and filed on September 11, 2000, the entireties of which are incorporated by reference herein. --

*REMARKS*

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0308 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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2000\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,778\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, entitled  
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